Restoration Issues
Sec. 11.002. QUALIFIED VOTER. (a) In this code, "qualified voter" means a person who:
(1) is 18 years of age or older;
(2) is a United States citizen;
(3) has not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
   (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or
   (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
(4) has not been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, has:
   (A) fully discharged the person's sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or
   (B) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote;
(5) is a resident of this state; and
(6) is a registered voter.

(b) For purposes of Subsection (a)(4), a person is not considered to have been finally convicted of an offense for which the criminal proceedings are deferred without an adjudication of guilt.
1. These Questions Must Be Completed Before Proceeding (Check one)

☐ New Application  ☐ Change of Address, Name, or Other Information  ☐ Request for a Replacement Card

Are you a United States Citizen?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are you a convicted felon who is currently incarcerated, on parole, on supervision, or on probation and have not been pardoned?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If you selected a box with a * to either of the above questions, do not complete this form.

Please visit your local election office.
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- [ ] New Application
- [ ] Change of Address, Name, or Other Information
- [ ] Request for a Replacement Card

**Are you a United States Citizen?**
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?**
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony?**
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, have you completed your term of incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation, or have been pardoned?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If you selected a box with a * to either of the above questions, do not complete this form.
Sec. 141.001. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. (a) To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office in this state, a person must:

(1) be a United States citizen;

(2) be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;

(3) have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
   (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or
   (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;

(4) have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
Felons can't run for office just because they can vote, Texas Attorney General says

Felons can only run for office if they are pardoned by the governor or a judge, Texas AG Ken Paxton says.

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Law on felons holding public office needs clarification

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Summary

Subsection 141.001(a)(4) of the Election Code provides that to be eligible as a candidate for public office a person must "have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities."

The restoration of a convicted felon's qualification to vote under Election Code subsection 1 l.002(a)(4)(A) after fully discharging a sentence does not restore his or her eligibility to hold public office under Election Code subsection 141.001(a)(4).